GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2700 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

PENDING ROADS UNDER PMGSY

2700. SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the population norms for constructing roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) across the country particularly in villages of backward areas;
- (b) whether many roads under the said scheme are pending/incomplete in Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Koraput Districts of Odisha;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, District-wise; and
- (d) the action taken against the agency/ agencies involved therein?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

- (a): Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of the Union Government to provide rural connectivity, by way of single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. Under PMGSY, all eligible unconnected habitations with more than 500 population in plain areas, 250+ population in Special Category States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert Areas (as identified in the District Development Programme), the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and Selected Tribal and Backward districts as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/NITI Aayog as per 2001 census are to be connected by all weather road. For critical Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected blocks in nine States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal (as identified by MHA), additional relaxation has been given to connect habitations with population of 100 persons and above.
- **(b) to (d):** As reported by the State Government, till November, 2018, 1978 road works have been sanctioned under PMGSY in the districts of Koraput, Malkangiri and Nabarangapur of the State of Odisha. Out of this, 1210 road works have been completed in these districts as per the details given below:-

S.No.	District Name	No. of road works	No. of road	No. of incomplete
		sanctioned	works completed	road works
i.	Koraput	911	519	392
ii.	Malkangiri	466	225	241
iii.	Nawarangpur	601	466	135
	Total	1978	1210	768

The delay in completion of the road works in all of these three districts is mainly due to the following reasons:-

- (i) Non-responsive tenders in many projects for multiple times due to Non-participation by bidders;
- (ii) Delay in forest clearances;
- (iii) Court Cases;
- (iv) Laxity on part of concerned agencies.

when the reasons for delay in completion of the works is attributed to the agency, suitable action on the agencies are taken by terminating the contract and/or by imposing penalty as per the codal provisions prescribed in the Standard Bidding Document.
